

## **Edwards Works with Community Leaders to Create Thousands of Jobs in District 17, Unveils Interactive Job Creation Map**

(Waco, Texas) – The office of U.S. Representative Chet Edwards today unveiled the District 17 Job Creation Map so that constituents can learn about economic development projects in their area. Together with local community leaders, Congressman Chet Edwards has worked hard in Congress to protect local jobs, spur economic growth and new job creation, and improve the quality of life for those across our district.

*“The most important part of my job, and my highest priority, is to listen to constituents and work with local leaders to support economic development and create jobs throughout our district.*

*Over the last few years, our partnership has been productive and we have made critical local investments that have created thousands of jobs that will help protect our families’ future, strengthen our local economy, and improve quality of life in our communities,”* said Edwards.

Since 2006, Edwards has had a direct impact on over 11,000 jobs in the twelve county region of TX-17. Over 2,000 jobs have been created as a direct result of appropriations projects supported by community leaders and funded by Edwards since 2006. Independent economic impact research and business studies have estimated that more than 6,000 jobs will be created by major economic development projects that Edwards has supported, and over 1,100 jobs have been saved through Edwards’ work with federal agencies. The Recovery Act, which Edwards supported, has saved or created over 1,800 additional jobs in TX-17.

Visit Edwards’ website at <http://edwards.house.gov/> to view the NEW District 17 Job Creation Map or [click here](#) .

(Note: Click on map markers for a summary of each job creation project and the number of jobs created according to the recipient of federal funds)

*Edwards is a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee.*